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PUC FINES VAN NUYS-BASED BARRON'S MOVING FOR OPERATING DURING SUSPENSION OF PERMIT

SAN FRANCISCO, February 22, 2005 -- The California Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) Consumer Protection and Safety Division has fined Barron Frank Gardner, an individual doing business as Barron's Moving, \$4,000 after an investigation disclosed violations of the Public Utilities Code and Commission rules and regulations.

An administrative citation was issued for the following violations:

- Employed workers without having evidence of workers' compensation insurance coverage on file with the Commission;
- Conducted household moves without public liability and property damage insurance coverage;
- Conducted household moves after suspension of its permit;
- Failed to maintain a claims register and to timely process or respond to claims of loss and damage;
- Failed to issue Change Order for Services not covered on the estimate;
- Failed to include all required information including a "Not To Exceed Price" on its shipping documents; and
- Failed to properly train employees as required by General Order 142.

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